

Special General Council held on *Project Eagle*

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Saturday, September 18, 2004 the Special General Council on Gaming Meeting was held at the Menominee Casino. The Tribal Legislature held the Special General Council to update the Tribal members on the progress of the proposed Kenosha Casino “Project Eagle” and to receive feedback from the Tribal Membership.

Along with the Menominee Tribal Legislature there were a lot of supportive and concerned Menominee in attendance. Also in attendance were the Menominee Tribe’s business partners in the project; Representatives from The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut along with Dennis Troha.

Legislative member Gary Besaw started the meeting off with a prayer so the meeting would go well for everyone.

Next on the Agenda, Menominee Tribal Chairman, Joan Delabreau introduced business partners Mr. Dennis Troha and representatives from the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut.

Kenosha businessman Dennis Troha is the owner of Kenesah Gaming Development LLC which will serve as developer of Project Eagle. Mr. Troha made a presentation informing the audience who he is, what the “Project” is about, and “Project” participants. Troha stated in his presentation, “I want to be a partner, but more so I want to be a trusted friend.”

After his presentation, Gary



During the Special General Council, Mr. Dennis Troha (center) was publicly acknowledged for his \$25,000 sponsorship to the 2004 Menominee Nation Contest Powwow and received a pendelton blanket and a plaque. Mr. Troha is pictured with Menominee Tribal Secretary Gary Besaw (l) and Menominee Powwow Committee Chairman Lorena Thoms (r).

Besaw explained to the audience that Dennis Troha was one of the major sponsors of this year’s Annual Contest Powwow. Mr. Troha contributed a \$25,000 sponsorship. Mr. Troha was awarded with a pendelton blanket and a plaque in appreciation for his support and sponsorship for the 2004 Menominee Nation Powwow.

Another partner with “Project Eagle” is The Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut. The Mohegan Tribe operates one of the country’s largest and most

successful casinos called The Mohegan Sun. Their gaming contributes more to the general fund for the state of Connecticut than a combination of all the other cooperations in the whole state. They put in millions of their dollars on highway upgrades, water systems, and infrastructure including a region wide water management plan.

As with all General Council’s, the Tribal Legislature asked the Tribal Membership to vote on whether the meeting should be open or closed to non-enrolled

Tribal members. It was agreed that the meeting would be closed to non-enrolled Tribal members. Non-enrolled Tribal Members were asked to leave the meeting room.

Tribal members then received an extensive report on Project Eagle. Because this was a closed meeting for Menominee Tribal members only, if you would like additional information, please contact the Menominee Tribal Chairman’s Office at (715)799-5114.

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